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1. Following further discussion of the "Operating Plan for the Congo,"
the President authorized:

Informing U Thant (1) that we are willing to supply the military
equipment, including planes, which he has requested; (2) that we
are going to talk to Spaak and others about our Congo plan and
that we will be in touch with him again in the next few days;

L. Informing Spaak of what we plan to do, including our willing-
ness to consider sending a U.S. fighter squadron to the Congo in
support of the UN if necessary and if invited to do so by Adoula;

Informing Adoula of our plans, if these plans are acceptable
to Spaak;

Considering a military mission to the Congo immediately (1) to
determine the feasibility of basing and protecting a U.S. air
squadron there and (2) to estimate the capability of the UN forces
there to undertake successful military action;

e. Informing the British at Nassau of our plans in general.

2. The President made clear that if Tshombe was not cowed by the
new report, including the introduction of a U.S. air squadron, we
would decide on further actions in the light of the requested
military appraisal.

3. A U.S. statement for use in the event it is decided to make separate
and disagreed U.S. and USSR statements on Cuba to the UN Secretary
General was revised and agreed upon.

Infantry
McGeorge Bundy

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